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1. HOSTAGES --

US, SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, SPAIN, FRANCE, IRELAND, FRG AND UK ANNOUNCED AT WEO MEETING FIRM INTEREST IN SERVING ON 35-MEMBER AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DRAFT AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES. PENDING INSTRUCTIONS, NEW ZEALAND, TURKEY, PORTUGAL, GREECE, NORWAY AND THE NETHERLANDS RESERVED THEIR POSITIONS. THE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AUG. 1-19, 1977 IN NEW YORK. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 6231)

2. INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) --

COMMITTEE 2'S DECISION DEC. 15 TO TRANSFER \$19.98 MILLION (CONTRIBUTED BY NORWAY AND VENEZUELA) FROM THE UN SPECIAL FUND TO IFAD FOLLOWED THREEE DAYS OF G-77 EFFORTS TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AMONG THEMSELVES OVER THE QUESTION OF TRANSFER. THE G-77 WAS IN DISARRAY WITH PAKISTAN, YUGOSLAVIA, GUYANA AND JAMAICA AMONG THE LEADERS OF THOSE WHO OPPOSED THE TRANSFER, WHILE VENEZUELA, IRAN AND INDIA LOBBIED IN SUPPORT OF THE MOVE. THE PAKISTANIA REP MADE THE STRONGEST SPEECH AGAINST THE TRANSFER. HE ARGUED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO ANY UN FUND BECAME THE PROPERTY OF THAT FUND AND DONORS COULD NOT WITHDRAW THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR USE IN ANOTHER AREA. CALLING CONFIDENTIAL

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THE UN SPECIAL FUND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, HE CLAIMED THAT THE DECISION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE \$19.98 MILLION WOULD BE A VOTE OF "NO CONFIDENCE" IN THE FUND AND MIGHT WELL SOUND ITS DEATH KNELL. HE FURTHER EMPHASIZED THAT THE \$1 BILLION FIGURE NEEDED TO MAKE IFAD OPERATIONAL WAS NOT AN LDC DECISION BUT A TARGET "SET BY ONE DEVELOPED COUNTRY AS THE CONDITION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS." ALL OF THE WEO GROUP EXCEPT FOR ABSTENTIONS FROM GREECE AND MALTA, AND MOST OPEC MEMBERS SUPPORTED THE DECISION TO TRANSFER THE SUM, WHILE EASTERN EUROPEANS AND MAJORITY OF AFRICANS ABSTAINED. IN MANY EXPLANATIONS AFTER THE VOTE, LDC'S STRESSED THAT THIS TRANSFER SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS A PRECEDENT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 6219)

3. UNCTAD --

UN BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVAU TOLD MISOFF HE UNDERSTOOD COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES CHAIRMAN THOMAS (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) WAS

TRYING TO CONVINCE SRI LANKA TO WITHDRAW THE PARAGRAPH IN ITS DRAFT DECISION WHICH CONCERNS LIMITED ACCESS MEETINGS AND PAVE THE WAY FOR COMMITTEE 5 ACCEPTANCE OF ACABQ SUGGESTION THAT THE ISSUE BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE. LAVAU AGREED THAT THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL WAS POORLY DRAFTED AND AMBIGUOUS AND THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WELL FOR DELEGATIONS TO FORCE SRI LANKA TO EXPLAIN ITS INTENT PRECISELY BEFORE TAKING ACTION ON IT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 6233)

4. ACCRA CONFERENCE ON ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM --

AT WEO MEETING FRANCE AND UK INDICATED THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 1978 ACCRA CONFERENCE FOR WHICH THE WESTERN GROUP HAS BEEN ALLOTTED THREE SEATS. AUSTRIA AND PORTUGAL ALSO INDICATED INTEREST BUT STATED THEY WERE NOT YET PREPARED TO SUBMIT FORMAL CANDIDACIES. AUSTRALIANS, WHO NOTED THEY WERE NOT ELIGIBLE BECAUSE PREPCOM MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED TO 1978 ECOSOC MEMBERS, SAID  
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AFRICANS THEY CONSULTED BELIEVED CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE CHANGED TO EXCLUDE REQUIREMENT FOR ECOSOC MEMBERSHIP AND THAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE EXPANDED FROM 16 TO A LARGER NUMBER. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 6217)

5. VOLUNTARY FUND FOR DECADE FOR WOMEN --

UK ANNOUNCED AT WEO MEETING ITS CANDIDACY FOR WEO SEAT ON THE FIVE-MEMBER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE PROVIDED FOR IN THE RESOLUTION ON THE VOLUNTARY FUND. BELGIUM HAD CONSIDERED SEEKING SEAT BUT WOULD WITHDRAW IN FAVOR OF UK. AFTER NETHERLANDS ANNOUNCED IT WAS CONSIDERING SUBMITTING ITS CANDIDACY, CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED UK AND THE NETHERLANDS SEEK AGREEMENT ON A SINGLE CANDIDATE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 6218)

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